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1. Moscow has earnestly requested the Afghan Government to demand from London a revision of the Afghan-British treaty of 1921, in order to have a free hand if England and the US eventually unite in a Middle East defense treaty. The 1921 treaty is one that Afghanistan would quite willingly abrogate by itself, in order to negotiate on border questions with Pakistan, as the successor state to British India without being subject to British veto.
2. The USSR has informed the Afghan Government that in case of the signature of a treaty between the US and Pakistan it is possible that the Soviet Air Force will demand the Afghan airfields.
3. The Afghan Government has also been asked to eject the American technicians and oil prospectors working in the area of Shirbaghan on the Amur Daria River.
4. As a reward for meeting these requests Kabul has been assured that India and the USSR will support Afghanistan against the US and Pakistan.

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